


## IN THE CLAIMS

Below are the claims pending in the application, including current amendments as indicated:

 1-61 (Cancelled)

62. (Currently Amended) A security device for use inside an automatic teller machine, the security device being capable of communicating with a security system of a transportation means used to deliver a cash cassette to the automatic teller machine, said ~~the~~ security device comprising a coupling device for ~~engage~~ engaging with a the cash cassette ~~of an~~ delivered to the automatic teller machine, spoiling means for spoiling the contents of the cash cassette and a controller, in which a monitor is provided to signal when the cash cassette has correctly coupled to the security device and that a delivery path for delivering the spoiling means has not been tampered with, ~~and in which~~ the security device ~~communicates~~ communicating with a the security system of a the transportation means used to deliver the cash cassette to the ATM automatic teller machine, and ~~inhibits~~ inhibiting the transportation means from releasing the cash cassette if the delivery path has been tampered with.

63. (Currently Amended) The security device as claimed in claim 62, in which the controller is arranged to establish communication with the automatic teller machine ~~in order~~ so that an attack on the automatic teller machine can be signaled to the security device in order that ~~it can operate~~ the spoiling means can be operated to spoil the contents of the cash cassette.

64. (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 62, in which the security device is arranged to signal to the automatic teller machine when it has correctly coupled with the cash cassette and has taken over responsibility for protecting the contents of the cassette.

65 (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 62, in which the spoiling means comprises a reservoir of ink which can be ejected under pressure via a fluid flow coupling into the cash cassette to degrade the contents thereof.

66. (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 65, in which the reservoir and the controller are contained within an enclosure containing penetration detection means.

67. (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 66, in which the penetration detection means comprises at least one conductor arranged to traverse an element that is to be monitored for penetration, such that penetration of the element causes damage to the at least one conductor thereby altering its electrical properties.

68-122 (Cancelled)

123. (Currently Amended) A first security system, comprising spoiling means for spoiling the contents of a container temporarily connected to the first security system in the event of an ~~attach~~ attack on the container in which ~~wherein~~ the container is a portable container and the first security system further comprises locking means for locking the first security system onto the portable container to be protected during transportation, control means for controlling the operation of the locking means and the spoiling means, and communication means for exchanging data with a second security system such that the first security system can validate with the second security system that either one of the first or second security systems is protecting the container before the other one of the first and second of the security systems relinquishes responsibility for protecting the container.

124. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, further including the capability to communicate with a vehicle for delivering the container, the vehicle including a controller which controls the release of the container from the vehicle and which exchanges data with ~~characterized by a first module containing the control means and a second module containing the locking means, and in which the spoiling means is contained within one of the first and second modules.~~

125. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, further including means for communicating with the security system of a vehicle used for delivering the container, the vehicle including a second controller which controls the release of the container from the vehicle, and wherein ~~the second controller negotiates with the first~~ security system negotiates with the second controller to control the release of container from the vehicle.

126. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 124, characterized in that the locking means locks around one of an opening of the container or an adapter mounted on the container.

127. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 125, characterized in that the locking means locks around one of an opening of the container or an adapter mounted on the container.

128. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized by a first module containing the control means and a second module containing the locking means, and in which the spoiling means is contained within one of the first and second modules.

129. (Cancelled)

130. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123 characterized in that the security system is programmed with the identity of one or more containers and each automatic teller machine which is scheduled for a cash delivery within a predetermined time period.

131. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized wherein in the control means is arranged to measure at least one of walk time, distance traveled, and absolute time since release of the container from the second security system and to active the spoiling mechanism if any of these exceeds a preset threshold.

132. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized in that the control means is arranged to communicate with an automatic teller machine to validate identities and to exchange data concerning the value and/or denomination of money being transferred to or from the security system and the automatic teller machine.

133. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 131, characterized in that the control means is arranged to communicate with an automatic teller machine to validate identities and to exchange data concerning the value and/or denomination of money being transferred to or from the security system and the automatic teller machine.

134 (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized wherein in that the control means is arranged to pass encryption or decryption keys to an automatic teller machine.

135 (Cancelled)

136. (Currently Amended) The first security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized in that the spoiling means includes at least one dye reservoir for delivering dye, and one of a

~~137~~ compressed gas cylinder, a chemical delivery system for generating gas, and explosive delivery system or a mechanical system for causing the dye to be expelled from the at least one reservoir.

137. (Currently Amended) A first security system, comprising spoiling means for spoiling the contents of a container in the event of an attack in which the container is a portable container temporarily connected with the first security system and the first security system further comprises locking means for locking the first security system onto the portable container to be protected during transportation, control means for controlling the operation of the locking means and the spoiling means and communication means for exchanging data with a second security system such that the first security system can validate with the second security system that either one of the first or second security systems is protecting the container before the other one of the first and second of the security systems relinquishes responsibility for protecting the container wherein the control means includes a local memory and power supply and at least one of an accelerometer, compass, inertial guidance system and temperature sensor so as to detect if the container is being moved in an inappropriate direction or if an attempt is being made to defeat the security system using a hot torch or extreme cold.